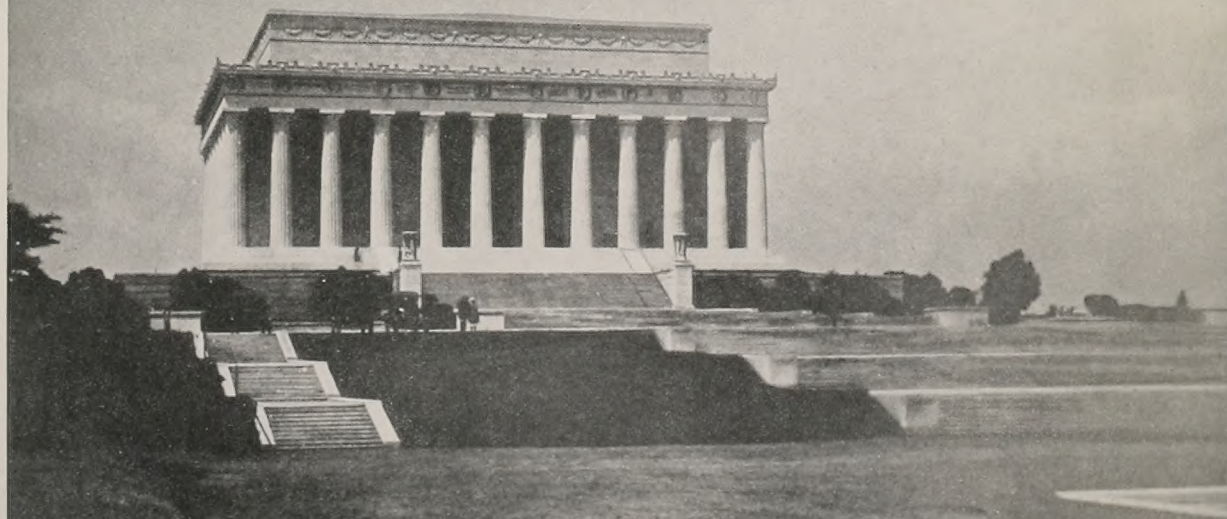


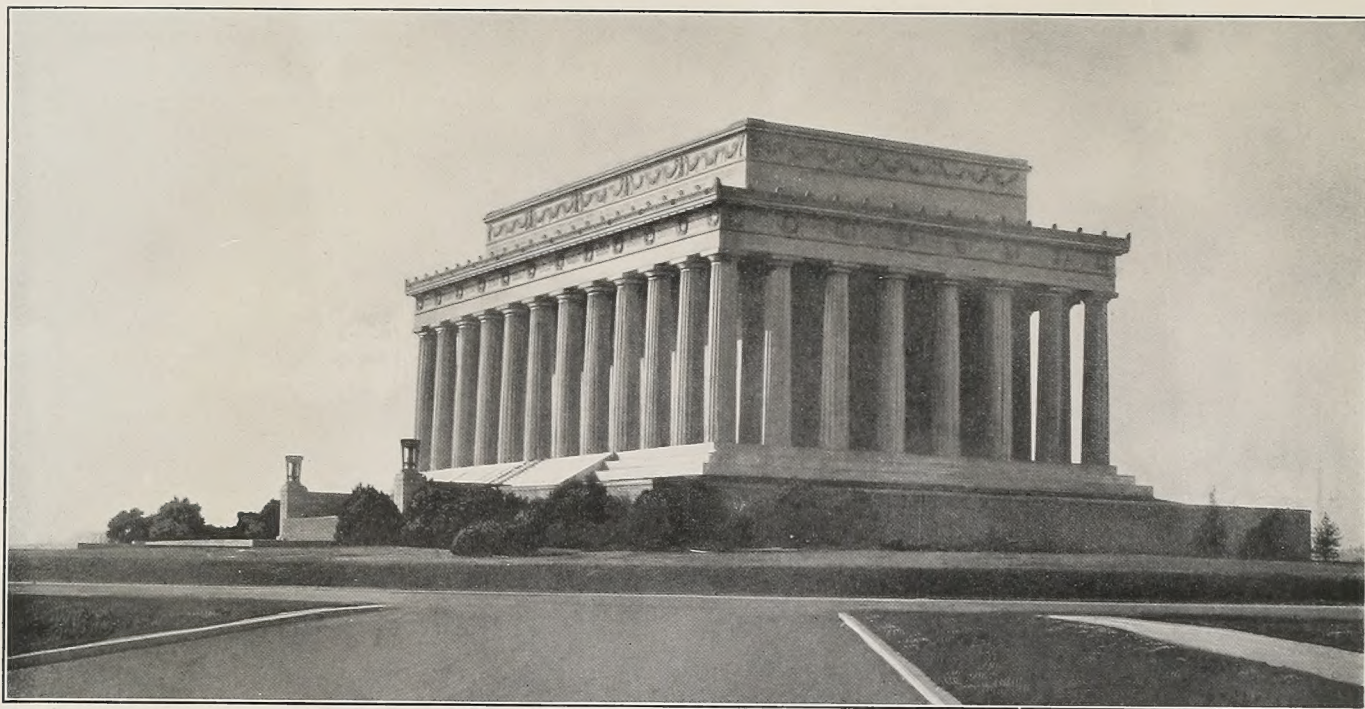
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IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
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THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL



AS WE behold the shrine on the banks of the Potomac dedicated to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, we are impressed by its perfect harmony with the character of the man himself. We feel that here have been preserved, not alone the memory of Abraham Lincoln's life, but the very spirit that dominated that life as well; for as simplicity was at once the greatness and the beauty of Lincoln's soul, so in the memorial erected in his honor, the dominating note is one of chastity and purity, with an utter absence of elaborate ornamentation. That same feeling of awe and solemn admiration that stirs us when we consider the simple grandeur of Lincoln's life, fills us as we stand mute before the majestic simplicity of this temple erected to his memory.

The Setting of the Memorial

A more appropriate setting for the memorial could not be found. It stands alone in solemn grandeur at the western end of the Potomac Mall. Across the slowly winding river rise the wooded hills of Arlington, crowned by the glorious Amphitheater, within whose broad embrace lie the remains of thousands who answered Lincoln's call for volunteers. Thus, the shrine of Lincoln seems to keep a silent and eternal watch over the sleeping heroes who, like him, made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our great Republic.

Half a mile to the east rises the tall white shaft of the Washington Memorial, while a mile beyond is the stately Capitol, symbol of the living government, a tribute to the memories alike of Washington and of

Lincoln—of the founder of the Union and of its preserver. Surrounded by the forest and meadow of Potomac Park, with the Virginia hills in the background, these three structures form a symphony in marble, sky, and landscape that lingers forever in the mind of whoever beholds it. Some time in the future a memorial bridge will span the Potomac, and with the passing of the years, great American elms will grow up and lend an air of veneration to the pathways that connect these three great monuments of the nation with one another.

The Memorial a Work of Art

The Lincoln Memorial was designed by Henry Bacon, a New York architect, to whose intelligent appreciation of Lincoln's character is due the impressive fitness of the monument. Simplicity seems to have been the keynote in the designing of the Lincoln Memorial, whose splendid symmetry is patterned after the best period in Greek art, when simplicity and moderation were recognized as the highest attributes and expressions of beauty.

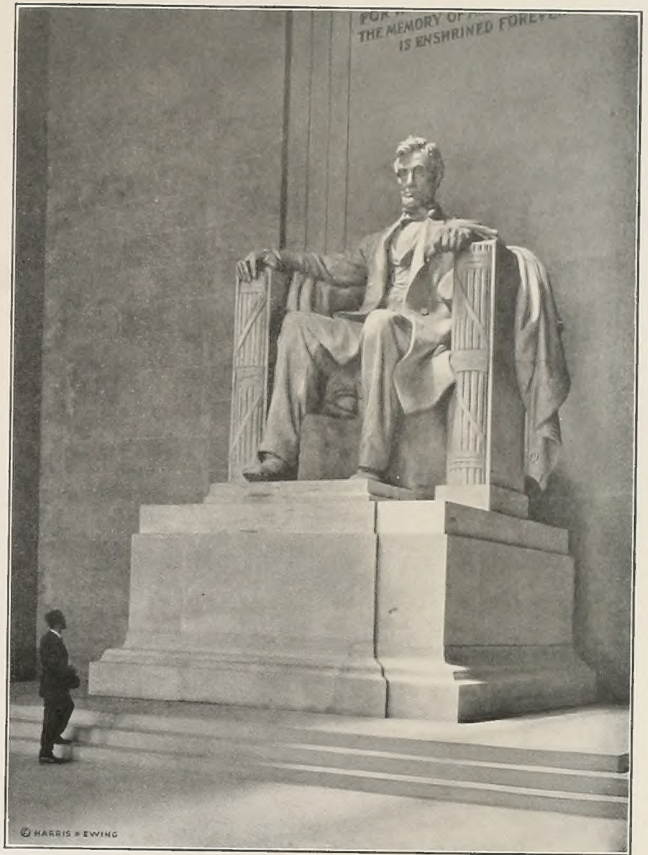
Construction of the Memorial was begun on the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday in 1914, and almost \$3,000,000 has been expended in completing it. It is a rectangular structure of gleaming white marble, with a colonnade of thirty-six Doric columns, one to represent each State existing at the time of Lincoln's death. It has a most impressive approach of broad steps and wide terraces which lend it an air of solitary dignity suggestive of the man it honors.

Within the central hall is a heroic-sized statue of Lincoln, done in marble by Chester French Lord. Despite its imposing proportions, there is yet something human and personal about this statue, something suggestive of Lincoln in a thoughtful mood, that must convey a true conception of the man himself to the generations yet unborn—who will come here to pay tribute to his memory.

On opposite walls, and separated from the central hall by a row of four Ionic columns on each side, are two memorial tablets, one containing Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and the other his second inaugural address. No more eloquent testimony to Lincoln's greatness could possibly have been preserved for posterity than that embodied in the nobility of thought and clarity of vision revealed in these two great speeches.

Two large mural paintings by Jules Guerin, one typifying "Emancipation" the other "Reunion" are placed above the tablets containing the addresses. The artist was engaged three years in the creation of these paintings.

One of the principal features of the Memorial is a symbol of the Union, consisting of forty-eight memorial festoons, one for each state, carved on the wall above the colonnade, and supported at intervals by eagles.



THE COLOSSAL STATUE OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT OCCUPIES THE CENTRAL HALL OF THE MEMORIAL. IT EASILY DOMINATES THE ENTIRE INTERIOR AND, WHILE THE PROPORTIONS ARE IMPOSING, THE SCULPTOR HAS CREATED A MARBLE LINCOLN IN A THOUGHTFUL MOOD THAT IS HUMAN AND PERSONAL.

There is an unanimity of opinion among artists and architects that the Lincoln Memorial is America's finest monumental creation, and that it represents the culmination of the highest artistic endeavor in this country. Indeed, it has been said that the Lincoln Memorial is the most beautiful building erected anywhere in the world since the beginning of the Christian era.

The Dedicatory Exercises

The dedicatory services were held on Memorial Day, 1922, when Chief Justice Taft, chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, which supervised the plans for its erection throughout a decade or more, transferred the Memorial to the people as represented by President Harding.

In doing so, Justice Taft said: "Here on the banks of the Potomac, the boundary between the two sections whose conflict made the burden, passion and triumph of his life, it is peculiarly appropriate that it should stand. Visible in its distant beauty from the Capitol, whose great dome typifies the Union which he saved, seen in all its grandeur from Arlington, where lie the nation's honored dead who fell in the conflict, Union and Confederate alike, it marks the restoration of the brotherly love of the two sections in this Memorial of one who is as dear to the hearts of the South as to those of the North.



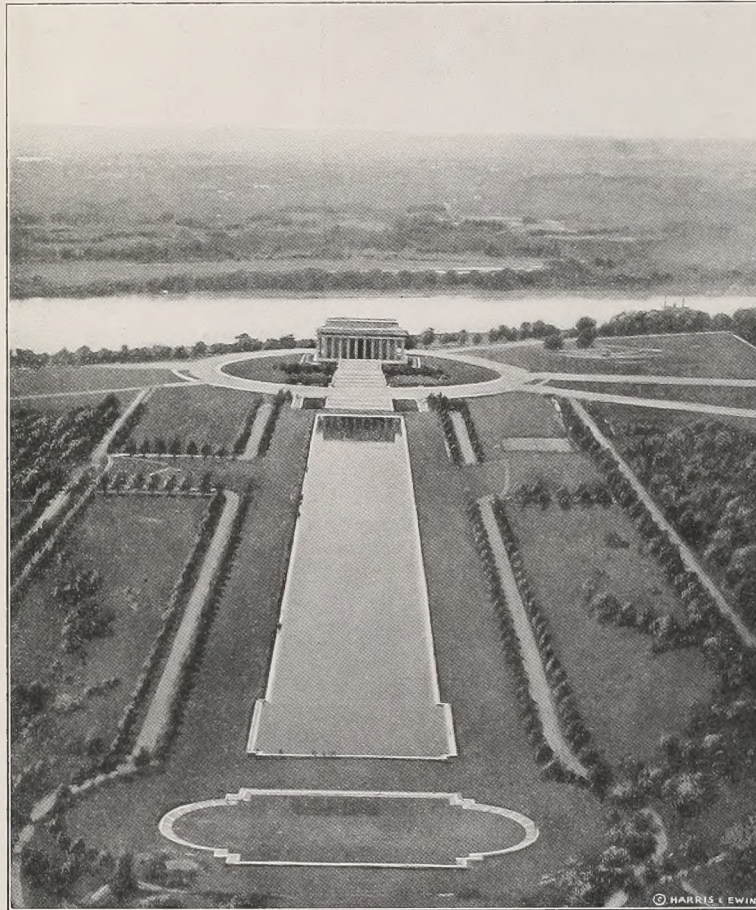
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ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE SIGHTS IN WASHINGTON IS THIS VIEW OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT, FRAMED IN THE COLUMNS OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

"Here is a shrine at which all can worship. Here an altar upon which the supreme sacrifice was made in the cause of liberty. Here a sacred religious refuge in which those who love country and God can find inspiration and repose."

President Harding, flanked by gray-haired veterans wearing the blue of the Union Army, as well as a score or more clad in the gray of Lee's men, accepted the Memorial for the people. In accepting this gem of architecture, he epitomized the service of Lincoln in this short paragraph, "In every moment of peril, in every hour of discouragement, whenever the clouds gather, there is the image of Lincoln to rivet our hopes and renew our faith. Whenever there is a glow of triumph over national achievement, there comes the reminder that but for Lincoln's heroic and unalterable faith in the Union these triumphs could not have been."

The Significance of the Lincoln Memorial

There is little doubt that the Lincoln Memorial will be accorded a place of high distinction among the world's masterpieces of architecture, and that centuries hence, it will still be admired for its artistic beauty. Yet we cannot reverently contemplate this shrine without feeling that even more significant than its marble grandeur and its sculptured



FACING THE MEMORIAL IS A LONG LAGOON EXTENDING TOWARDS THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT, WHERE THE SUN BY DAY, AND THE MOON BY NIGHT, WILL REFLECT THE BEAUTY OF THESE MONUMENTS ERECTED TO GLORIFY THE TWO GREAT NAMES IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

beauty, is the spirit which it immortalizes. Within its chambered silences we seem to feel the presence of Lincoln near us—and we cannot experience that presence without acquiring a deeper appreciation of the virtues that were his. We realize that for men and for nations, true greatness lies in a lofty adherence to simple ideals. So in years to come this temple on the banks of the Potomac will be for thoughtful men more than a memory of the past. It will be a mute yet potent reminder to the statesmen and the citizens of the future republic, that the spirit of Lincoln must still be the spirit of America—that by our simple ideals and lofty purposes we achieved a proud place among the nations, and that only by remaining true to those ideals and purposes can we retain it.

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